(iv) हल्के/मध्यम/भारी वाहन चालक

(v) सभी श्रेणियों के लिपिकीय कर्मकार जिनमें आशुलिपिक, स्टोरकीपर, टाइम-कीपर, टंकक आदि भी शामिल हैं,

(vi)रसोइये जिनमें घरेलू रोजगार में नियोजित रसोइये शामिल नहीं है । इकसा आशय भारतीय कर्मकारों के विदेशी उत्प्रवास को बढ़ावा देना हैं ।

Distribution of foodgrains in Southern States

*119. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sourthcrn States, especially Karnataka, are experiencing great difficulty in ensuring equitable distribution of foodgrains under the FPS due to non-availability of wheat and other cereals;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite good harvest in the North and glut of foodgrains in Northern mandis, there has been no corresponding adequacy of supplies in the South due to poor handling of foodgrains movement from North to South by FCI; and

(c) whether the Central Government will instruct the Railways to provide adequate wagon linkage from North to South for movement of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no shortage of wheat and rice in any of the Southern States for meeting the alocations under Public Distribution System through F.P.S.

(b) Though the Railways have enhanced the supply of rakes to FCI for movement of foodgrains ex-north for the Southern States this year, still it is less than FCI's requirements.

(c) It has already been done and the matter has been vigorously pursued with the Ministry of Railway.

Reduction sought by Bangladesh on products under SAPTA

*120 SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bangladesh has sought a bigger reduction on a wide range of its products under the South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement (SAPTA);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the items on which further reduction of duty has been sought; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) List of items for exchange of tariff concessions under SAPTA in the first round was finalised in April 1995 on the basis of request list received irom Bangladesh and after negotiations in the Inter Governmental Group set up under SAARC. Further concessions can be negotiated in subsequent rounds of negotiations.

सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के कार्यान्वयन हेतु प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा निर्देश

688. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :**

श्री नागमणि :

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि,

(क) क्या प्रधान मंत्री ने हाल ही में देश में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली और जमाखोरी-विरोधी अभियान के कार्यान्वयन हेतु कोई निर्देश दिया है,

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकारों द्वारा केन्द्रीय सरकार के निर्देशों की उपेक्षा की जाती है,

(ग) यदि हां, तो किन-किन राज्यों से सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के संबंध में गड़बड़ी की रिपोर्ट मिली है, और